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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the above amendment, and of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 16 and 18-20 are pending in this case. Claim 16 is amended herein and claim 17 is cancelled herein.

The Examiner objected to claim 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but that would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 17 is rewritten as amended claim 16 including all the limitations of the base claim, original claim 16. There were no intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 16 and the claims dependent thereon are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 16 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Buchanan et al. (U.S. Patent 6,511,876 B2). Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is overcome by the amended to claim 16 described above.

The other references cited by the Examiner have been reviewed, but are not felt to come within the scope of the claims as amended.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections and allowance of claims 16 and 18-20. If the Examiner has any questions or

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other correspondence regarding this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

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